

## Separation Point Speeds Discharges

In operation for the past two weeks, McGuire separation point facilities have now begun discharging personnel at the rate of approximately 300 per week, WOJG Robert Conway, Chief of Military Personnel announced today.

Designated a separation point in the Army's program of adding 155 discharge facilities to the already established permanent centers, McGuire is at present processing outgoing servicemen from her own detachments as well as from posts in the surrounding area.

To date some 250 enlisted personnel have been separated, and 225 others are awaiting their turns at processing.

A temporary separation point, such as McGuire, differs from a permanent separation center in that it will process only those officers and men in the United States who are eligible for discharge; while the permanent centers will specialize in the processing of returned overseas officers and enlisted men. Members of the WAC are not discharged through a separation point but must be transferred to one of the permanent centers for processing.

Qualified discharges have already come to McGuire from the local stations at Camp Lee, Bellwood, AP Hill, Headquarters, Virginia Military District, etc. Men have also arrived from posts in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Housing facilities have been declared available for 250 prospective discharges, and Service Command will continue to ship age-qualified or points men here to meet the requirements for discharging 50 men per day. Throughout the country, general hospitals will serve similarly to help the Army's goal of discharging more than 400,000 servicemen during the current month.

In addition to functioning as a separation point, McGuire Military Personnel office will continue to handle CCD's.

### Separation in 48 Hours

"Separation for age and points requires a total of 48 hours from the time of the initial interview," Mr. Conway explained. "However, the 48-hour period does not necessarily begin at the time of arrival of the prospective dischargee. We may have upward of 225 men awaiting their turns.

But once interviewed, the procedure is so systematized that a man can count on leaving the post within 48 hours after the initial interview," Mr. Conway added.

In general the procedure includes:

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## Captain Gredler Is New Chaplain

Captain Joseph J. Gredler, ChC, of Erie, Pa., reported here for duty last Saturday as assistant chief, Chaplains Branch, according to announcement by Post Commanding Officer, Col. P. E. Duggins.

Father Gredler, who replaces Capt. Anthony G. McCabe, conducted the Catholic Services last Sunday, and will be in charge of all Catholic activities on the Post.

Veteran of 44 months service in Caribbean-Antilles Department, Captain Gredler received his training in the Seminary of the Redemptorist Order, Esopus, N. Y., and St. Mary's College, North East, Pa. and took post-graduate work in Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

In 1925 he went to Poland to spend two years in the study of Slavic languages.

## Two Patients Benefited By \$20,000 Fund

Among the ten Philadelphia wounded veterans of World War II who have been selected as beneficiaries of the first trust fund set up for that purpose, under the will of the late Eugene Knecht, through the Orphans Court in Philadelphia; are two McGuire patients, S-Sgt. James F. Dugan, Ward 22, and Pfc. Peter W. White, Ward 14.

The testament of Knecht provides a residuary fund of about \$20,000.00, of which the income will be distributed among the ten soldiers in equal shares, until the death of the last survivor, an accounting before Judge Grover C. Ladner shows. Knecht died January 13.

Charles J. Quinn, executor and



S-Sgt. James F. Dugan

trustee under the will, selected the ten wounded veteran beneficiaries after weeks of interviewing, corresponding and investigation.

S-Sgt. Dugan, a patient here since February 25, is disabled from the waist down due to a spinal injury received when he was wounded at Metz. An infantryman, he worked as a freight brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad prior to entering the service in October, 1942.

Pfc. White, father of three small children, was admitted to McGuire

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Pfc. Peter W. White

## "Pass in Review" In a Deluging Downpour



At last Friday's retreat ceremony, just as the Adjutant gave the command for the honored personnel to come forward to receive their awards for bravery . . . "the heavens opened and the rains came down" . . . Despite the deluging downpour the awards were made by Col. Duggins and the well-soaked band and detachment companies passed in review. Above, L to R—Col. P. E. Duggins, hospital CO, Capt. Robert L. Martin, patient in Ward 42 who received the Silver Star, 1st Lt. Joseph A. Burkley of Ward 27, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sgt. Francis H. Shaw of Ward 2, Pfc. Walter Bunecke of Ward 13, and Sgt. John L. Conrad of Ward 33, each of whom received the Bronze Star, CWO Lawrence E. Roffman, Post Adjutant, and 2nd Lt. Sylvester McCusker, men's detachment CO.

## Col. Horsley Will Receive Legion Medal

The army's second highest award for achievement, the Legion of Merit, will be awarded to Colonel Guy W. Horsley, chief of Surgical Service, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services," while stationed with the 45th General Hospital in Italy, the War Department announced this week.

Col. Horsley, a member of the original Richmond medical staff which formed the 45th General Hospital, was especially cited for his devotion to duty "during the times of greatest stress immediately following the drive on Rome and the invasion of Southern France."

Many of the casualties from this theatre who eventually arrived at McGuire were operated on by Col. Horsley and his staff.

The citation said in part: "As chief of the surgical service, 45th General Hospital, Colonel Horsley planned the surgical installation of the hospital in such a way that many difficulties were avoided. He performed the heavy administrative duties of his position and in addition, carried a heavy operating schedule and acted as surgical consultant. Through his leadership, the surgical service has functioned in a highly meritorious manner. He has displayed outstanding professional ability.

"Colonel Horsley's untiring energy and devotion to duty and his quiet efficient manner inspired his co-workers to maximum performance of duty at all times and particularly during the times of the greatest stress immediately following the drive on Rome and the invasion of

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## McGuire Staff Men Given Gen. Hayes' Commendation

Certificates of commendation praising their work at McGuire General Hospital will be awarded five members of the staff by Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, Colonel P. E. Duggins announced today.

Three of the certificates will be presented by Colonel Duggins at the retreat ceremony this afternoon.

Today's recipients will be Major Craig W. Muckle, Chief of Reconditioning Service; S-Sgt. Clinton W. Justice, Registrar's Office; and T-Sgt. Daniel Lane, Postal Branch—all cited for meritorious and outstanding service.

Captain Max Dreyer, Post Exchange Officer; and T-Sgt. Peter

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## Bathing Girls Here Sept. 30

Next Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 p.m., Special Services will present a colorful aquatic show and water carnival in the Post Swimming Pool, according to announcement made today by Special Services Officer Lt. John Berman.

The first half of the show will feature entries from Richmond YMCA and bathing beauties from nearby points who will demonstrate fancy diving, water polo, aquatic ballet, and life-saving techniques.

The second half—the water carnival—will headline McGuire patients and military duty personnel in tub races, fetching contests, under water races, raft tilting, and obstacle races. Cpl. Al Bianco of Special Services Athletic section is in charge of arrangements and will conduct the events.

## Radio System Begun at MGH

A \$100,000 broadcasting system, the most elaborate of its kind in and Army general hospital, is in the process of installation at McGuire. The huge project, employing 2,400 loudspeakers, will provide, for patients, four separate channels of the nation's best radio entertainment, as well as broadcasts of all important entertainment originating on the post.

At the request of Commanding Officer, Col. P. E. Duggins, the Program Distribution System, as it is officially called, was authorized for McGuire General Hospital by the Surgeon General's Office in Washington.

Planned and conceived by the Surgeon General in co-operation with the Army Signal Corps, this ultra-modern recreation medium is slated for each general hospital in the nation. McGuire is the first hospital in the Third Service Command and second in the country to be so equipped.

### Studio Near Completion

Maj. Walter Belitz, Post Engineer in charge of studio construction for the system, has announced the broadcasting building is almost finished. Located opposite the Post Bank, it will house a specially-designed, soundproof studio and control room. The finest radio amplifying equipment available will be installed, and a large foyer will permit patients to watch programs in operation.

Patients will be able, literally, to lie on a "cushion of melody" be-

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# McGUIRE BANNER

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## Horses Are Often Like Men

By S-SGT. JAMES T. KEEGAN, JR., Patient in Ward 4

(S-Sgt. James T. Keegan, Jr., 32-year-old infantryman, served with the famous 77th Division in the Pacific Theatre. His brother, T5 Edward Keegan, 24 years old, was with the 100th Infantry Division in ETO. Their parents are dead, and Sgt. Jim makes his home with his sister, Katherine, in North Vale, N. J. The sergeant wears the Good Conduct and Purple Heart ribbons, as well as the Asiatic-Pacific with 3 battle stars, the Philippine Liberation with one battle star, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Bronze Star "for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormac, Leyte." He was section leader of a heavy machine gun platoon at the time he was wounded early in the Spring of this year on Aka Shima Island of the Ryukus.)

It's been my experience that horses and men are pretty much alike in their responses to training and handling.

My dad was a professional horse trainer—had his own stables—and I practically grew up with them. I learned to ride and handle colts almost before I could walk.

When I got into the Army and had to handle men, I found my horse-training experience invaluable. It helped me to spot the man, or men, in my squad who would "blow their tops" under pressure, for horses do that, too, you know; and the advance symptoms are very similar.

And it helped me to understand that a clear head and a pair of good hands are just as much the secret of handling men as they are in handling horses. Some respond to the lightest touch of a loose rein while others need firmer, more emphatic guidance.

But there's never any excuse for using brutality, nor the physical or mental indignity of cruelty. A man can be broken by mishandling, just as a horse can . . . only its more tragic in the man's case as he is an articulate human being, mishandled by one of his own kind.

When breaking a colt for the trotting track, the first step is a thorough training in ground school . . . getting him used to the feel of a halter and gear . . . getting him accustomed to being led . . . teaching him to respond to commands.

After he is sufficiently trained and oriented in ground school, the colt is hooked up, or harnessed, to a special breaking cart, and his real track work begins. He learns to spurt when necessary, without breaking gait; and to handle the cart or sulky whose whirling wheels are so close to his heels. He learns to maneuver himself and his sulky into advantageous openings during a race, without locking wheels with the others racing beside him.

He learns to lift himself into a clean, fast get-away at the start of the race, and to respond to the slightest command. He learns to keep his head, often when his rider blows up in the excitement.

I've never had the honor of training a "Hambletonian" winner, but I have trained some trotters that came within a photo-finish of being Hambletonian entries.

Ground school and track work for a trotter is comparable to basic training for the soldier, except that it's mass training and a colt usually is given individual training.

Both are trained to win—but that's where the similarity ends. Trotting races are sport and fun, even when you don't win. War is a grim, dirty business, with all the odds against you; and win or lose it's definitely neither sport nor fun.

Believe me, I know. I got into this war business when our outfit was sent overseas early last year. We went into Guam on D-Day. Our outfit was attached to the Marines and went in with the first wave. After that we worked on the Leyte deal . . . in there from the first wave of the invasion . . . then shoved on to the Ryukus. It was on Aka Shima, of the Ryukus, that I got mine. A Jap knee mortar clipped off both of my feet above the ankles.

But I consider myself one of the lucky ones, as there's nothing I did before the war that I can't do when I go back to civilian life.

Sure I have no feet, but you don't ride horses with your feet. It's the knees you need, and mine are as good as ever.

I like to fool around with the drums—trap or snare. Used to sit in with Floyd Smith's band once in a while. And as soon as I am fitted with prostheses, I'll have feet to bounce around again and can drum as well as ever. Will have to practice a bit until I get my timing back.

I am so much better off than most of the fellows who came back from the hell of the Southwest Pacific that I just have no reason to complain or feel sorry for myself.

## Pointers on Points

ETO (CNS)—While sweating out redeployment, point discharges, or while just sweating it out, EM and EW are concerning themselves with poesy. Members of the 9th Division dug up this jingle, dated 1580:

When the Hun has seized the rod  
He smites his fellowmen and God;  
But when the Hun is poor and down  
He's the meekest man in town.

Commented the 9th Division News:

"He apparently hasn't changed in 350 years, and there is no evidence that he will change in the near future."

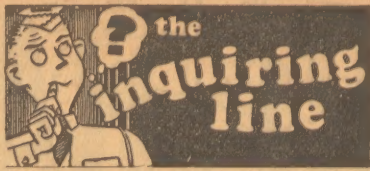
And here's one by "D.B.D" in

Wac Commentary, published by the 6670 Wac Hq. Co.:

Today's the day! Occasion great!  
To spring from bed I cannot wait.  
I'm up at dawn so's not to miss  
One single molecule of—MY DAY OFF.

GERMANY (CNS)—With the fighting over in the ETO, members of the 84th Div have taken to writing poetry to pass the time. Like this:

I wish I were a porcupine  
For just a week or two,  
For then I would have points  
enough  
To come back home to you.



By LT. ART LAIBLY

Q. If, after I have started vocational training under Public Law 16, the disability for which I am receiving a pension improves to such an extent that I would no longer be eligible for a pension, will I continue to receive full benefits for which I was originally eligible?

A. Yes. Any man starting training under Public Law 16 will continue through the program, without another physical examination until he has completed his course; therefore, even though his disability no longer exists, he will be able to complete his training.

Q. In the event I am hospitalized at government expense after I am discharged from the army, will my disability pension be decreased while I am in the hospital?

A. Not if you have any dependents at that time; if you have no dependents, however, your pension will be decreased while you are in a Federal or State institution.

Q. Upon completion of my hospitalization, I believe that I will be returned to full duty; I have enough points to be discharged from the army. What disposition will be made of me?

A. If you are attached unassigned to the Detachment of Patients of this hospital, and do not have an MOS that is on the list of critically needed specialists, you will be separated from the army at this hospital.

(For further information see Lt. Arthur Laibly, AGF Liaison Officer, Army Counseling Center—formerly Ward 26—or call Ext. 259.)

## Bars and Stripes

To Technician Third Grade—  
Sgt. Harriet J. Egan

To Sergeant—  
T5 Kathleen Liddell

To Technician Fourth Grade—  
T5 Rhoda Saletan

## Chapel Schedule

### PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.  
and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

### CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass .....8:30, 11 a.m.  
Daily Mass.....5 p.m.  
Confessions Saturday, 6:30, 8 p.m.  
and Daily before Mass.

### JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.

## The Wolf

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## McGUIRE On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday, 5:30-6 p.m. WRVA  
HEAR special music by McGuire Band.

MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE

Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. WRNL  
HEAR and SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER

Thursday, 3:45-4:00 p.m. WRVA  
HEAR organ melodies by Eddie Weaver. Featuring interviews with patients.

OKAY AMERICA

Tues., Oct. 9, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA  
HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in Red Cross. Show begins at 7 p.m.

## GO on Arrowhead

Washington (CNS)—ETO, MTO, and North African personnel can find out whether they're entitled to wear a bronze arrowhead indicating participation in an assault landing, either airborne or amphibious, by consulting General Orders No. 70, dated August 20. Units credited with landing in Attu are also included.



## POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, September 28. Show for patients at 6:15 P. M.; for duty personnel at 8:15 P. M.

FRIDAY—"Radio Stars on Parade," with Wally Brown, Alan Carney, Frances Langford.

SATURDAY—"Meet Me In St. Louis," with Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Shady Lady," with Charles Coburn, Ginny Sims, Robert Paige.

TUESDAY—"Isle of the Dead," with Boris Karloff, Ellen Drew.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"State Fair," with Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain, Dick Haymes.

FRIDAY—"Love, Honor, and Good-by," with Virginia Bruce, Victor McLaglen.

## New Pay Day Is Announced for All Civilians

Effective immediately, all civilian employees at McGuire General Hospital will receive their pay checks on Wednesday of every other week instead of on Saturdays and Mondays.

Pay for graded employees is changed by the new system from Saturday to the following Wednesday and for ungraded employees from Monday to the following Wednesday. Ungraded personnel will receive their next checks on October 3, 1945, and graded employees will be paid next on October 10, 1945.

The change became necessary when the Finance Office in Richmond was inactivated recently. Now, all civilian payrolls for this post must be sent to the Finance Office at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

## Civilian Dance Tomorrow Night

In the Post Gym tomorrow night at 8:00 P. M. Civilian Center No. 2 is staging a special dance featuring the McGuire Band. There'll be plenty of fast-stepping jive music as well as sweet and hot tunes for those that prefer them that way.

All members of Center 2 will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of membership cards. Friends of members, and McGuire patients are invited to attend, and will be required to pay a small admission fee.

Refreshments will be served, and a highly enjoyable evening for all is promised by President James Taylor and entertainment committee acting chairman, Annie Brown.

## Germany Today



Germany, once master of Europe, has been sliced into 5 pieces pending the final settlements of boundary disputes by the Big 5. British troops occupy the industrial Ruhr. France, which has proposed that the Ruhr and the Rhineland be internationalized, is occupying territory west of the Rhine, including the Saarland and Alsace-Lorraine. American forces are stationed in Southern Germany while Red Army troops have taken over central Germany west of the Oder and the northern half of East Prussia. The rest of East Prussia as well as German territory east of the Oder comprises Poland's occupation zone. In addition, a joint administration of U. S., Russian and British forces has been established in Berlin.



# I Was a Spy In Manila

## The Amazing Story of an Intrepid Airman's Fight Against the Japs

By CAPTAIN EUGENE C. SMITH,

Patient in Ward 29,

As told to SGT. LEE KING

To 23-year-old Captain Eugene Smith, from Hammond, Indiana, spy story thrillers are tame reading; because for three years after the Fall of Bataan, Smith, who lost a leg in the early days of the Jap attack on the Philippines, served in Manila as a spy, saboteur, guerrilla organizer and underground worker.

In nonchalant, almost succinct, fashion he tells of hazards, hardships and tight spots on borrowed time, which, although a matter of factual record, rival the most thrilling fictional espionage tales spun by E. Phillips Oppenheim.

Leaving the class rooms at Purdue University to join the Army in April, 1941, Smith was barely 19 years old when he landed on Nichols Field just 18 days before the Jap attack of Dec. 9th.

Smith (then a staff sergeant) served with the 21st Pursuit Squadron—the only air force that fought on Bataan—until the Fall of Bataan, April 7, 1942.

During the first days of Jap heavy bombing and strafing attack on Nichols Field, Smith was wounded in both legs. Bullets crashed through both of his legs on December 10, '41 and the right leg became so badly infected that it became necessary to amputate it above the knee.

Dr. Garcia, a Filipino surgeon performed the operation. No hospitalization was available and blood plasma was unheard of, and there was no cross-matching equipment available for giving the whole blood transfusions the wounded airman so badly needed.

### Recovered From Wounds

But through sheer determination, Smith recovered; and when his stump healed he carved his own artificial leg and fitted it to a leather sling a native shoemaker had made for him.

Then he returned to duty, and after the Fall of Bataan, he and four other members of his Squadron made their way into Manila.

Smith was wounded the second time, January 2, 1943, when a Jap officer shot him through the left arm with a pistol as he was trying to sabotage an important Jap port area with incendiary bombs. The bullet clipped off his wrist watch and severed the principal vein of the lower arm.

He was wounded for the third time during the latter part of July '43, when he and his party were raiding a Jap supply depot for some necessary radio equipment, and a Jap sentry sent a rifle bullet crashing through Smith's right shoulder.

A Dr. Salvador Trinidad, of Manila, treated him for the second and third wounds from which Smith recovered despite the lack of hospitalization and surgical supplies.

### Had a Charmed Life

His colleagues began to believe that Smith had a charmed life, and a legend that he could not be killed by the Japs was born. The legend was materially strengthened,

## A Social Note

Nurses' Quarters No. 1 was the scene of the first cafe au lait party of the season a few nights ago when 1st Lt. Frances Ford Coleman, ANC, was hostess to a select group in her room.

Among those present was 1st Lt. Dorothy L. Baines, WAC, 1st Lts. Arlene D. Ginn and Dorothy L. Kibbe, and 2nd-Lt. Ruth E. Hyde, ANC.

Lt. Kibbe poured, and candle light and the soft music of Strauss and Brahms recordings added much to the atmosphere intime.

Hostesses and guests wore the latest in high-fashion robes de nuit, negligees, pajama tops and bare midriff and shorts models. Photographs of the affair were not available.

groups. Ramon's home became my headquarters at this time.

We were under constant Jap surveillance, and as the other four men spoke little Spanish and were very un-Spanish in appearance, they took to the hills while I stayed there and carried on with the guerrillas.

### Smith Meets Col. Thorpe

By August I had come in contact with Lt.-Col. Thorpe, Capt. Barker, of the 26th Cavalry, and the Spanish-American officer, Col. Manzano, who had been sent out of Bataan two days before the surrender to organize guerrilla groups.

On Sept. 1, 1942, I was commissioned as a 1st lieutenant to carry on the guerrilla organization work and was placed in charge of the entire Manila area under the Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces.

Two months later I was commissioned a captain, and a month after that Col. Thorpe and Capt. Barker were captured by the Japs. We've heard nothing from them since.

It was about the middle of 1942 that I met Mrs. M——— U——— who later became well-known under her code name of "Miss U." Anyone who was ever in Cabanatuan prison camp will remember "Miss U."

She was the wife of an American civilian who had been working for the Army engineers at the time he was captured by the Japs. He was in Cabanatuan prison camp when I met his wife, and she was trying to get food, medicine and clothing in to him.

I helped her as much as I could, and out of this grew the organization of Group U, organized for the sole and primary purpose of getting food, letters, money, medical supplies, records, etc. in and out of Cabanatuan.

### Secures a Pass into Prison

Through the offices of the German Consulate in Manila who was equally friendly to Japs or Americans—playing both sides against the middle—Mrs. U——— was able to secure a pass which permitted a truck load of supplies to get in—and out—of Cabanatuan every ten days.

Ramon, who was my radio communications man, and his wife were also members of Group U.

Group U used my headquarters

for storage and emergency CP, although the Catholic church across the street was the official CP.

Father Lalor and all the other padres there were very helpful. They are all dead now. So is Ramon. Ramon died of starvation and mistreatment in Bilibid prison and Padre Lalor was killed by American shelling at the time of the liberation. He was sleeping and died peacefully without knowing what killed him. He had been working without rest or food for more than three days and nights—bringing in the wounded and caring for them.

### Priests Executed by Japs

The other priests had been executed by the Japs, and Father Kelly the head priest, had been crucified by them so a great many people told me, although I was never able to confirm it. There were many bestial things done by the Japs that could not be confirmed because none of the witnesses were left alive.

The liberation was a scene of great rejoicing and I was happy for those who had been released. But my heart sorrowed for those, who, like my friend Ramon, had found liberation only in painful death.

We had had advance information of the liberation, and after the 1st Cavalry came in, I reported to CIC and turned over all my information and documents to them.

As I was probably the only American espionage agent left on Manila at the time of the liberation, I stayed on there for a few months and did a few missions for the CIC.

I returned to the States on June 30th and arrived at McGuire a month later. As soon as I shall have been fitted with a prosthesis, I shall—quien sabe? That is something to be decided later.

## Two Patients

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May 9th. Wounded in Germany on February 26th, while serving with an armored division, his left leg has been amputated at the knee, his right leg is in a cast and his face has undergone plastic surgery.

White hopes to establish a small business of his own after discharge from the army.

## "IT'S A FOWL CHARGE," SAID MASON



Last week's "Monkeyshines" air show over WRNL featured a mock arrest of imaginary traffic violator Pfc. Jimmy (Donald Duck) Mason of Ward 3, and Jimmy was forced to do some tall duck double talk before he got in the clear again. Pictured above, just before Jimmy's release are:—Henrico County Police officer Henry Sikkelee, Pfc. Mason, Warde Adams, MC of the show, Judge Harold F. Snead of Henrico Trial Justice Court who presided over the trial, and Jimmy's defense counsel, John C. Wilhaw, prominent Richmond attorney.

## Civ. Center No. 1 Opens Sat. Night

The eagerly awaited formal opening of Civilian Recreation Center No. 1 is scheduled for tomorrow night, Saturday, Sept. 29, at 8:00 P. M.

Located at 601½ East Main St., just one block from the US Employment office, the Center has 2,000 feet of floor space available for dancing.

The room has been completely redecorated and provided with every facility for fun, comfort and convenience. Bingo every Friday night, with cash prizes. Checkers, cribbage, chess, card games, ping-pong and other game equipment are there for the use of members and their friends.

The Rec Center will be open every night and there is no admission charge for members. Guests will be required to register in the guest book.

"Officer and EM patients and duty personnel are cordially invited to the big formal opening tomorrow night," President George T. League announced.

## Separation Point

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assignment of quarters; clothing check; orientation lecture; interviews for completing pay data, discharge papers, etc.; distribution of discharge buttons and emblems; physical examinations, interviews at Army counseling center, including visits with Separation Classification Officer, Personal Affairs Officer, a representative of the United States Employment Service, filing of claims for disability pensions with a representative of the Red Cross; receipt of mustering out pay, paid up salary, and the 5-cents-per-mile travel allowance for the trip home; discharge ceremony in Red Cross auditorium, and presentation of discharge papers.

### Physical Examinations

Physical examinations are thorough, as final records indicate physical condition of dischargee at time of separation, and will bear considerable influence upon settlement of future disability claims against the government. Examinations are conducted under the supervision of Capt. Albert Dunn, Jr., Station Surgeon; and they involve services of the A&D office, EENT Clinics, Dental Clinics, X-ray and the Laboratory.

The recent establishment of an Army Counseling Center was primarily prompted by the sudden influx of dischargees. A veteran's representative from USES is on hand daily from 3-5 P. M. to advise and aid discharged vets in job placement for civilian life.

In addition, a VA representative is present to provide information and assistance in filing for disability pensions, education under GI Bill of Rights, vocational rehabilitation, government-guaranteed loans, and other benefits under Veterans Administration jurisdiction.

Working with the VA representative is a Red Cross Worker who assists vets in filling out blanks of application for various benefits.

"The establishment of a separation point here eliminates the necessity of sending any of our own personnel to distant centers," Mr. Conway pointed out. "Patients and members of the detachment who were not eligible for medical discharge, but qualified on points or age, heretofore were sent to other posts for processing and separation. Now, we handle the entire program right here. The Army really means business, and a great many offices here are working long overtime hours to meet the designated quota," Mr. Conway concluded.

## Col. Horsley

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Southern France."

At the moment the Colonel's medal is being properly engraved and upon receipt will be presented at a future retreat ceremony by Colonel Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire General Hospital.



# So They Say

1st Sgt. Allison's "So They Say" was rained out this week by the birth of his first son and the detachment picnic. The 8-pound 5½-ounce son arrived last Sunday night at 8:00 pm. Complete returns of the picnic have not yet come in. It was held last Wednesday night at Chesterfield Golf Club.

## Radio System

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cause of individual Hushatone Speakers which nestle snugly under their pillows. The novel devices will provide each listener with complete privacy, enabling him to select any of four programs without disturbing the choice of the man in the next bed.

As tentatively outlined by 1st Lt. John R. Lees, Signal Officer, the four broadcast channels will carry a careful selection of the very best program material. Classical music, popular dance bands, variety shows, and special events and news are planned for each of the four channels respectively.

A flick of a switch—and Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Armed Forces Radio feature programs, or the voices and music of visiting celebrities will be immediately available from "pillow to post."

### Miles of Wiring

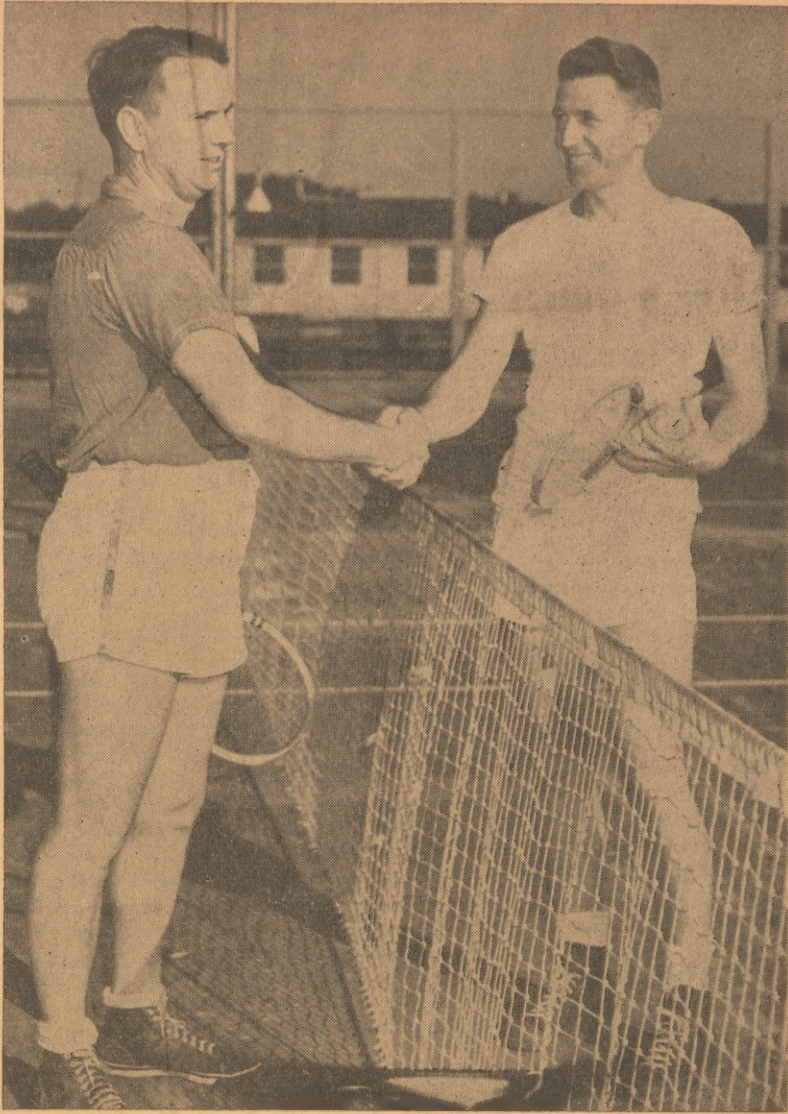
More than 400,000 feet of shielded cable, enough wire to stretch from Baltimore to Washington, will be required to carry the system throughout every ward, mess hall and audience building in the hospital. In addition to the bed speakers, 110 large program loudspeakers will be installed in solariums, corridors, Post Theater, gymnasium, mess halls and Red Cross auditorium.

A separate paging system—the familiar "Dr. Brent, call surgery!" device is planned for the corridors, and it will not be necessary to interrupt broadcasts in order to page a physician or nurse—the call circuit is divorced from the entertainment channels.

### Ready in January

Mr. Leo A. Dorsey, Signal Corps Engineer, estimated this week that the broadcasting system would be completed shortly after the first of the year. Some wards, he indicated, will be operating before that time.

Here with Mr. Dorsey, are Arthur J. L. Robertson, representing Headquarters, Third Service Command Signal Officer, and Leslie E. Bley,



Col. Horsley is congratulated by his opponent, WOJG Conway

# Horsley Beats Conway Captures Tennis Crown

Thophy winning titlist for the recent tennis tournament staged on the courts of this Post is Col. Guy W. Horsley, chief of surgical service; who bested Military Personnel chief WOJG Robert Conway on Thursday of last week in a gruelling two-and-a-half-hour 5-set contest to take the crown.

Conway's speed and endurance were not enough against the tennis veteran's experience and smart placement shots.

Both Horsley and Conway played through the entire consolation tourney, and after eliminating all of their opponents, were matched against each other as finalist contenders in the championship play-offs.

The first and fourth sets were won by Conway, while Horsley was an easy winner of the second, third and fifth.

Play-offs of contenders for the consolation prize were completed this week, and McGuire band trumpeter, Pfc. Ralph Phillips copped the prize of one dozen tennis balls, and the consolation title.

Phillips was defeated in the first set by Bill Allison, and then won the second set. For the third set Phillips was scheduled to play against Major Troland, but won on forfeit as a foot condition prevented the major from playing.

Phillips was then scheduled to play against Captain Dring, but won again on forfeit as the captain departed on leave before the game.

## Class A Passes

Failure of a few patients to comply with hospital regulations prevent the smooth running of the Class A pass program, patients detachment CO, Lt. Pat Brewer, stated today.

"Each day a few patients forget to sign in when returning from pass and are therefore, technically AWOL until this office goes to the considerable extra trouble and work necessary to straighten out their records," the patients CO said. "In such cases, further pass privileges may be withheld."

Lt. Brewer pointed out that there is still some misunderstanding about the pick-up time of passes on Saturdays, and explained that Class A passes may be picked up at noon on that day, or at eleven o'clock by those patients showing a Washington bus ticket.

"Fellows who want to go away for week-ends and wish to leave earlier on Saturday mornings, should apply through their Ward officers on Friday for the regular week-end passes and surrender Class A passes for all time," the lieutenant said.

"And another thing," Lt. Brewer stressed, "quite a few patients have had passes revoked because of failure to attend reconditioning classes. Major Muckle's office is in constant touch with mine, and only patients who regularly attend reconditioning classes will be issued Class A passes upon request of their Ward officers. But the request must come from the Ward officer, as the signature of a nurse cannot be accepted on a request for any pass."

"Patients listed as Class 4, are not able to use Class A passes as their physical condition is presumed to prevent absence from wards except upon special permission."

"Restricted patients confined to wards, are of course, not eligible for pass privileges," Lt. Brewer added.

## Vejvoda Picked For City All-Star Softball Team

Former Cadet Nurse, Lois Vejvoda, who graduated recently from the McGuire Cadet Nursing Courses, was selected as an left field player for the annual All-Star Girls Soft Ball Team. The team is made up of entries selected from teams in this area and are gals who have all chalked up outstanding playing records during the past season.

Vejvoda, who played short fielder with the McGuirettes was also their star hitter.

Lt. Clare Crapo, manager, coach and catcher for the McGuirettes received honorable mention for the All-Stars as "best utility player."

## McGuire Men Commended

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J. Anania, of the Signal Office, also awarded certificates, were absent from the post and will receive their commendations at a later date.

Major Muckle is cited for establishing "an efficient and effective reconditioning program . . . his untiring efforts and successful accomplishments have contributed materially to the well-being and morale

of the patients of this hospital."

For his able assistance in the organization of the sick and wounded section of the Registrar's Office, Sgt. Justice, who has been at McGuire for the past 19 months, was especially commended for "thorough knowledge of all regulations and directives governing the preparation of all sick and wounded records and reports."

Another veteran of 19 months service here, Sgt. Lane was praised by Third Service Command for "his broad experience and knowledge of postal operations . . . contributed materially to establishing and maintaining an efficiently operated post office . . . an inspiration to those with whom he has been associated and reflects credit to himself and to his organization."

Captain Max Dreyer, now on leave, has developed McGuire's post exchange into one of the finest in the country. General Haye's commendation cited in particular his "superior and unusual business ability." Post Exchange Officer since November, 1944, Captain Dreyer has "contributed a great deal to the morale and welfare of the patients and duty personnel of this General Hospital."

Sgt. Anania, who is at present on the west coast taking special courses in anticipation of the new hospital broadcasting system, was one of the original enlisted men to arrive here some 20 months ago. He has been lauded for his "initiative and resourcefulness in the establishment and maintenance of a well organized Signal Office."

superintendent of the Noone Electric Company, contractors for the project.

1st Lt. Howard B. Leeds, Public Relations Officer, has been designated as director of the broadcasting set-up, and 1st Lt. John R. Lees, Signal Officer, is in charge of technical maintenance and operation.

## Civilian Bowling League Handicaps

McGuire Civilian Bowling League played its second game of the season last night at Regent Bowling Alley, 1514 Hull St.

Scores and resulting handicaps chalked up for last week's game are:

Captain	Team No.	1st game	2nd game	3rd game	Total	Handicap
Troxler	1	344	381	347	1062	40
Kiger	2	416	397	454	1227	18
League	3	401	463	427	1291	--
MacDonald	4	385	424	429	1238	12
Murphey	5	382	391	397	1169	27
Tanner	6	427	384	424	1235	12
Snellings	7	411	433	430	1244	10
Damiani	8	460	438	445	1343	**

\*\*This team had three unapproved substitutes and score was therefore not acceptable. Individual scores of eligible players will be counted and accredited.

Any civilian employee of McGuire is eligible for participation in bowling, but all substitutions on a team must be cleared in advance of game for approval, or that team's scoring will be disqualified, and only individual scores of eligible players will be counted.

Prize money will be awarded at the end of the season for highest pin total for the season, second highest pin total, high individual game, high individual set, high team game, and high team set.



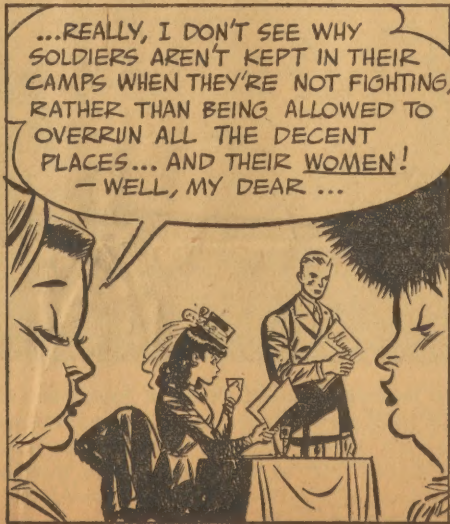
Instructor Niles Hollenbaugh of Richmond, teaches a class of McGuire patients the intricacies of electricity. Hollenbaugh is in charge of Educational Reconditioning's recently established electric shop and his courses are among the most popular offered by that section.

The absorbed look on the faces of his class members indicates the keen interest and attention given to his explanation of the use, maintenance and repair of simple household electrical appliances. In the class room pictured above the discussion is of a Bendix electrical washer.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## Combat Point



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